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1. SUMMARY. DUE TO IMPROVED SECURITY SITUATION, AND THE RESTORATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN MOST SECTIONS OF WEST BEIRUT, POST HAS DEVELOPED A PLAN TO HAVE PRESENT STAFF, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT AND DUTY COMMUNICATORS, RETURN TO INDIVIDUAL RESIDENCES (APARTMENTS) APPROXIMATELY FEB 1, 1977. END SUMMARY.

2. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE CITY CONTINUES TO IMPROVE. THE ASF, ASSISTED BY RECONSTITUTED ELEMENTS OF THE LEBANESE INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES, HAS GREATLY INCREASED THE SECURITY OF ALL PERSONNEL MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY. SHOOTING INCIDENTS CONTINUE TO OCCUR, BUT ALL THE KNOWN FACTS INDICATE THESE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN ISOLATED AND INVOLVED EITHER IN-FIGHTING BETWEEN THE VARIOUS PALESTINIAN FACTIONS OR ARE RELATED TO THE ASF ENFORCING ORDER; E.G., VEHICLES

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RUNNING ROADBLOCKS, INDIVIDUALS RESISTING ARREST, ETC. THEREFORE, POST BELIEVES THAT OUR PERSONNEL COULD BE RELATIVELY SAFE WITHIN THEIR RESIDENCES AND THAT TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE CHANCERY COULD BE EFFECTED SAFELY. ALTHOUGH THE ISF HAS YET TO REESTABLISH A REACTION FORCE (E.G. SQUAD 16) TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES, AND IT IS UNLIKELY THEY WILL BE ABLE TO FORM SUCH AN ORGANIZATION

WITHOUT OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORT AND WEAPONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS WILL CAUSE ANY SEVERE PROBLEMS AS ALL INTENDED STAFF RESIDENCES ARE LOCATED NEAR THE EMBASSY IN AREAS WHICH ARE HEAVILY PATROLLED BY ASF ELEMENTS.

3. IN ADDITION, PUBLIC SERVICES IN WEST BEIRUT HAVE CONTINUED TO IMPROVE. ELECTRICITY AND WATER ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT MOST APARTMENT HOUSES 24 HOURS A DAY, MAZOUT FOR HEATING IS AVAILABLE AND TELEPHONE SERVICE IS IMPROVING. ALL EMBASSY-LEASED APARTMENTS HAVE BEEN INSPECTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AND WE BELIEVE OUR PERSONNEL WOULD SUFFER NO DISCOMFORT IN MOVING TO THESE RESIDENCES.

4. AS A RESULT, WE HAVE DEVELOPED A STEP-BY-STEP PLAN FOR MOVING MOST PERSONNEL NOW LIVING IN THE EMBASSY INTO THESE APARTMENTS, BEGINNING ABOUT FEB 1. (TO MINIMIZE TRAVEL AFTER DARK, THE DUTY COMMUNICATORS AND MARINE GUARDS WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE CHANCERY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.) DURING JANUARY, THESE APARTMENTS WILL BE SET UP FOR OCCUPANCY. THE FIRST BUILDING TO BE OCCUPIED WILL BE THE EL DORADO, LOCATED ON THE CORNICHE NEAR THE CHANCERY AND ADJACENT TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY. ALL EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS WHO ARE SCHEDULED TO LIVE IN THIS BUILDING WILL MOVE IN AT THE SAME TIME, TO AVOID HAVING ONE INDIVIDUAL LIVING ALONE IN THE BUILDING. APPROXIMATELY A WEEK LATER, WE ANTICIPATE THAT TWO OFFICERS WOULD MOVE INTO APARTMENTS IN THE DURAFFOURD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUILDINGS, WHICH ARE EVEN CLOSER TO THE EMBASSY. OTHER PERSONNEL WOULD THEN BE MOVED OUT TO OTHER NEARBY APARTMENTS ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

5. ALL MOVES BETWEEN THESE APARTMENTS AND THE CHANCERY WILL BE ESCORTED. PERSONNEL WILL BE PROVIDED WITH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR RESIDENCES TO ENABLE THEM TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE CHANCERY AT ALL TIMES. ALL PERSONNEL WILL STILL BE REQUIRED TO COORDINATE ALL MOVES WITH THE RSO, WHO WILL PROVIDE SECURITY ESCORTS. A DUTY BODYGUARD WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE DUTY DRIVER TO COVER EMERGENCY AFTER-HOURS MOVEMENTS TO AND FROM THE CHANCERY.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT THE ABOVE PLAN IS TIMELY AND PRUDENT FROM THE POLITICAL, SECURITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE POINTS OF VIEW; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE ARE NOT LOCKED IN TO THIS SCHEDULE AND IF SECURITY CONDITIONS DETERIORATE, THE PLANNED MOVES WILL BE POSTPONED.

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